

their journey. The first object of their care was, to make up a present for the governor, to whom they were going. Prudence ought always to dictate to us, the best means of approaching our superiors with acceptance. This present consisted of myrrh, almonds, spices, honey, and delicacies, which it is likely Egypt could not produce. These dainties however they had, when they had no bread. But these could not supply the want of that. Though we may lightly esteem our common food, such as plain bread, when we have plenty of every thing; yet we do well to consider, that in time of famine, we should cheerfully give away all our dainties for the sake of bread. And how much do they deserve to want wholesome food, who can without remorse waste and despise it!

Well! their next business was to take money. This they took double the quantity of what they took before: perhaps expecting the price of the  
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corn might be raised, or else thinking to ransom Simeon out of prison, if that should be required. And besides this, they took the money which was before returned in their sacks, and thus set off for Egypt. Good Jacob, with his heart almost broken at their departure, looked after them as far as he could perceive them, and then burst out in this exclamation: "God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother and Benjamin: if I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved!"

Now the brothers hasten to Egypt, trembling at the apprehension of receiving further rough treatment from the governor; and preparing themselves to address him in a becoming manner. With palpitating hearts they pass over the once fertile, but now desolate land; and at length discern the rising turrets, and lofty edifices of the chief city of Egypt: here they repair, and  
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